

assistance resources, including as authorized by section 201(b) of the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409; 132 Stat. 5391), and \$798,000,000 in the diplomatic engagement budget. These amounts represent only 5 percent of the diplomatic engagement budget and only 4 percent of the combined Department of State and United States Agency for International Development budget.

(2) Between fiscal years 2017 through 2021, the diplomatic engagement budget and personnel levels in the Indo-Pacific region averaged only 5 percent of the total Department of States budget, while foreign assistance resources averaged only 4 percent of the total resources committed worldwide.

(3) In 2020, the Department of State began a process to realign certain positions at posts to ensure that its personnel footprint matches the demands of great-power competition, including in the Indo-Pacific region.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the size of the United States diplomatic corps must be sufficient to meet the current and emerging challenges of the 21st century, including those posed by the People's Republic of China in the Indo-Pacific region and elsewhere;

(2) increases in the diplomatic corps must be designed to meet the objectives of an Indo-Pacific strategy focused on strengthening the good governance and sovereignty of states that adhere to and uphold the rules-based international order; and

(3) increase in the diplomatic corps must be implemented with a focus on increased numbers of economic, political, and public diplomacy officers, representing a cumulative increase of at least 200 foreign service officer generalists—

(A) to advance free, fair, and reciprocal trade and open investment environments for United States companies, and engaged in increased commercial diplomacy in key markets;

(B) to better articulate and explain United States policies;

(C) to strengthen civil society and democratic principles;

(D) to enhance reporting on the People's Republic of China's global activities;

(E) to promote people-to-people exchanges;

(F) to advance United States' influence in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(G) to increase capacity at small- and medium-sized embassies and consulates in the Indo-Pacific region and in other regions around the world, as necessary.

(c) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United States—

(1) to ensure that Department of State funding levels and its personnel footprint in the Indo-Pacific region reflect the region's high degree of importance and its significance to United States political, economic, and security interests;

(2) to increase diplomatic engagement and foreign assistance funding and the quantity of personnel dedicated to the Indo-Pacific region respective to the Department of State's total budget; and

(3) to increase the number of resident Defense attachés in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly in locations where the People's Republic of China has a resident military attaché and the United States does not have a resident military attaché, to ensure coverage at all appropriate posts.

(d) ACTION PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit an action plan to the appropriate committees of Congress that—

(1) identifies requirements to advance United States strategic objectives in the

Indo-Pacific region and the personnel and budgetary resources needed to meet such objectives, assuming an unconstrained resource environment;

(2) includes a plan for increasing the portion of the Department of State's budget that is dedicated to the Indo-Pacific region in terms of diplomatic engagement and foreign assistance focused on development, economic, and security assistance;

(3) includes a plan for increasing the number of positions at posts in the Indo-Pacific region and bureaus with responsibility for the Indo-Pacific region, including—

(A) a description of increases at each post or bureau;

(B) a breakdown of increases by cone; and

(C) a description of how such increases in personnel will advance United States strategic objectives in the Indo-Pacific region;

(4) defines concrete and annual benchmarks that the Department of State will meet in implementing the action plan; and

(5) describes any barriers to implementing the action plan.

(e) UPDATES TO REPORT AND BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the submission of the action plan required under subsection (d), and quarterly thereafter until September 30, 2030, the Secretary of State shall submit an updated action plan and brief the appropriate committees of Congress on the implementation of such action plan, with supporting data, including a detailed assessment of benchmarks that have been reached.

(f) SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a certification to the appropriate committees of Congress that indicates whether or not the benchmarks described in the action plan required under subsection (d) have been met. This certification requirement may not be delegated to another Department of State official.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated, for fiscal year 2022—

(A) \$2,000,000,000 for bilateral and regional foreign assistance resources to carry out the purposes of part 1 and chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq. and 2346 et seq.) in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(B) \$1,250,000,000 for diplomatic engagement resources to the Indo-Pacific region.

(2) INCLUSION OF AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO ASIA REASSURANCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2018.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1) include the amounts that were authorized to be appropriated under section 201(b) of the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409) for fiscal year 2022.

SA 4495. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN TYPES OF LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH.

No Federal funds may be obligated or expended for the purpose of conducting research that increases the pathogenicity, con-

tagiousness, or transmissibility of viruses or bacteria, including any research anticipated to involve enhanced potential pandemic pathogens, if such research involves a foreign entity that is subject to the jurisdiction of any of the following countries:

(1) The People's Republic of China.

(2) The Russian Federation.

(3) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

(4) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(5) The Syrian Arab Republic.

(6) Any other country specified in the report assessing compliance with the Biological Weapons Convention, as required by section 403(a) of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2583a(a)) in the relevant calendar year.

SA 4496. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1253. REPORT ON DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH WITH RESPECT TO CHINESE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OVERSEAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress regarding United States diplomatic engagement with other nations that host or are considering hosting any military installation of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a list of countries that currently host or are considering hosting any military installation of the Government of the People's Republic of China;

(2) a detailed description of United States diplomatic and related efforts to engage countries that are considering hosting a military installation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, and the results of such efforts;

(3) an assessment of the adverse impact on United States interests of the Government of the People's Republic of China successfully establishing a military installation at any of the locations it is currently considering;

(4) a description and list of any commercial ports outside of the People's Republic of China that the United States Government assesses could be used by the Government of the People's Republic of China for military purposes, and any diplomatic efforts to engage the governments of the countries where such ports are located;

(5) the impact of the military installations of the Government of the People's Republic of China on United States interests; and

(6) lessons learned from the diplomatic experience of addressing the People's Republic of China's first overseas base in Djibouti.

(c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be classified, but may include an unclassified summary.

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